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East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Brand Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brand airfield between 8 and 17 September 1953:

8 to 13 September: There was no air activity. The weather usually was dull and the ceiling low. Thirty-two MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s, 5 Li-2s and 12 Il-28s were counted at the field. The latter aircraft were parked in shrapnelproof aircraft revetments.

14 September: Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters which made individual flights. The aircraft took off to the east. After 7 p.m., night flights were made by individual aircraft.

15 September: Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., individual flights were made. There was clear weather and a 1/10 overcast.

16 September: After 11 a.m., the 12 Il-28s took off at intervals of 300 meters and flew in wedge formations to the east. Subsequently, 4 MiG-15s took off, followed the Il-28s, and finally 1 MiG-15 each flew above the individual formations. The fighters returned to the airfield after about 20 minutes, while the jet bombers were not observed at the field.

17 September: There was intensive air activity by swept-back jet fighters which flew individually in the morning and in elements of twos in the course of the day.

2. On 14 September, swept-back jet fighters [redacted] were observed at the field. Between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., the aircraft made individual take-offs and flights. A Yak-14 landed at 1 p.m. and again took off at 1:30 p.m. A Yak-14 again landed at 2:30 p.m. At about 2 p.m., a ground signal was fired from the eastern section of the field. It burst at an altitude of about 100 meters, leaving a red cloud. Subsequently, two MiG-15s which were still aloft landed at the field. No air activity was conducted up to 6 p.m. [redacted] jet

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3. From the beginning of September to 20 September, MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s practiced flying at day and night. [redacted]

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swept-back jet fighters and Il-28s have been stationed at the field since early September.

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Brand airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with 30 to 35 MiG-15s which was previously stationed in Alt-Loennewitz.

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25X1 [redacted] The reason for the presence of the 12 Il-28s between 6 and 16 September 1953 has not been determined. The aircraft were not used for flying but parked in the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments. After the departure of the aircraft, no Il-28s are stationed in East Germany.

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